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RE: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 424X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Glendive and Circle, Montana SHPO Project: # 2003123002

Dear Sidney,

We concur in the reports findings that sites 24DW0426, 24DW0488 thru 24DW493, 24DW0495 thru 24DW0499, and 24DW0508 are eligible for the register. We also concur that sites 24MC0257, and 24MC0413 thru 24MC0415 are eligible for the register.

Site 24DW0507 will remain unresolved, and sites 24DW0494, 24DW00500, 24DW0502 thru 24DW0506, and 24MC0416 will be loaded in our database as unresolved.

John Brumley, in the report suggested signage as the form that mitigations measures should go for the loss of these resources. We support this, but did not see details as to how this would be done, by whom and how extensive the planned signage would be. We need more details. Our suggestion would be to find a local partner and work out the details, and then contact us to see if we would agree with the planned mitigation.

If you have any questions about any points that I have made, you may call me at (406) 444-0388, or email jwarhank@state.mt.us.

Sincerely,

Josef J Warhank
 Review & Compliance Officer

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